

12-22-03

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/21 (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number	10/666,846																																	
		Filing Date	September 18, 2003																																	
		First Named Inventor	SHARTLE, ROBERT JUSTICE																																	
		Group Art Unit	To Be Assigned																																	
		Examiner Name	To Be Assigned																																	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	LIFE-072CON6																																	
ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)																																				
<table border="0"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> After Final</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Petition</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address</td><td>1) PTO/SB/08A (1 pg.)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer</td><td>2) 1 Cited References</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Documents</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund</td><td>3) Copy of EP Search Report</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)</td><td>4) Return Postcard</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53</td><td>Remarks</td><td></td></tr></table>				<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):	<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	1) PTO/SB/08A (1 pg.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	2) 1 Cited References	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	3) Copy of EP Search Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	4) Return Postcard	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	1) PTO/SB/08A (1 pg.)																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	2) 1 Cited References																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	3) Copy of EP Search Report																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s)	4) Return Postcard																																		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Remarks																																			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT																																				
Signing Attorney/Agent (Reg. No.)	CAROL M. LASALLE (REG. NO. 39,740) BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP																																			
Signature																																				
Date	December 19, 2003																																			

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV333998300US

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Express Mail No. **EV333998300US**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Address to: Mail Stop NON-FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	LIFE-072CON6
	First Named Inventor	SHARTLE, ROBERT JUSTICE
	Application Number	10/666,846
	Confirmation No.	To Be Assigned
	Filing Date	September 18, 2003
	Group Art Unit	To Be Assigned
	Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Title: "VACUUM LOADED TEST STRIP WITH STOP JUNCTION AND BYPASS CHANNEL"		



Sir:


This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. A Form PTO-SB/08A listing the references and copies of the cited references accompany this paper. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any one of the above references constitutes prior art to the present application within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

As applicants have not yet received a first Action on the merits, no fee is believed to be required for filing this Disclosure Statement. If, however, the PTO finds that for some reason a fee is due, our Deposit Account No. 50-0815, Order No. LIFE-072CON6 may be charged thereon.

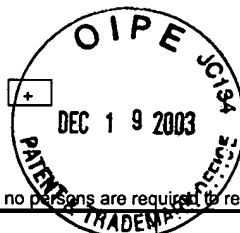
Respectfully submitted,
BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP

Date: 12/19/03

By: 
Carol M. LaSalle
Registration No. 39,740

BOZICEVIC, FIELD & FRANCIS LLP
200 Middlefield Road, Suite 200
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Telephone: (650) 327-3400
Facsimile: (650) 327-3231

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	10/666,846
			Filing Date	September 18, 2003
			First Named Inventor	Shartle
			Group Art Unit	To Be Assigned
			Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Sheet 1 of 1			Attorney Docket Number	LIFE-072CON6

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Documents		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, columns, lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
		5,508,521		Cardiovascular Diagnostics, Inc.	04-16-1996	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Documents			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

OTHER PRIOR ART—NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.